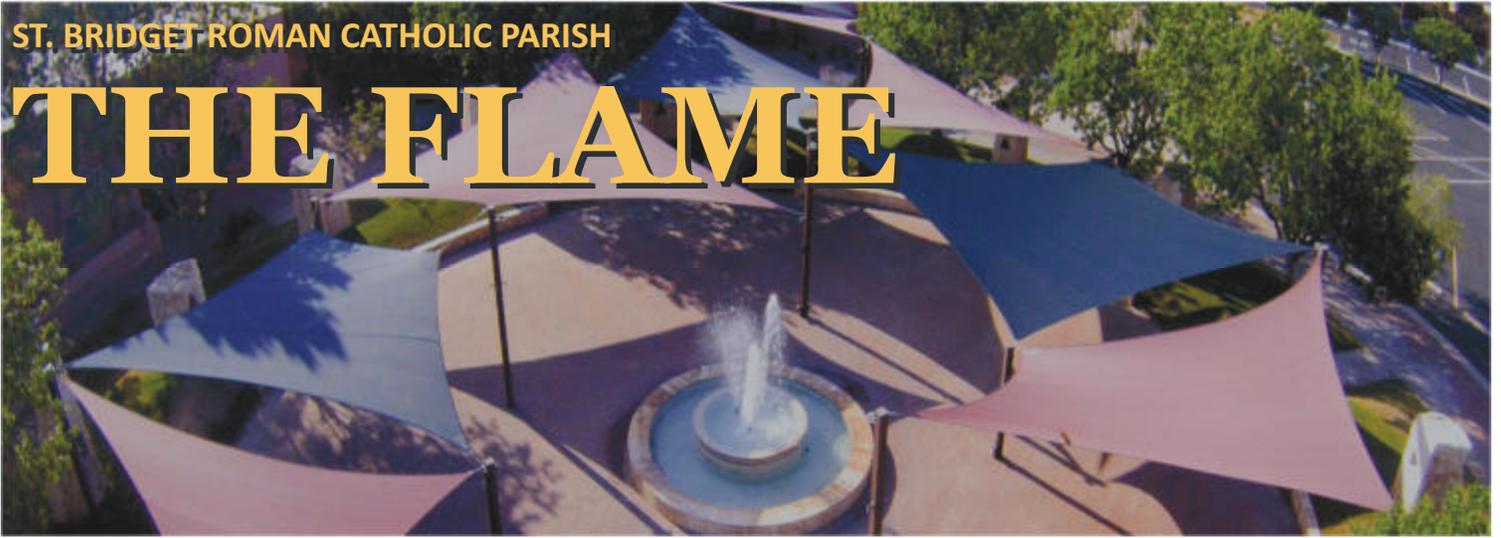


THE FLAME



May 2, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

Sacramental Life

RCIA JOURNEY

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic we'd love to share more about what we believe with you!

BAPTISMS: Infant/Children

Contact Parish Office.
Formation Session Required.

ANointing OF THE SICK

It is best to call at the beginning of a serious illness or when surgery is first scheduled.

MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Office at least 9 months prior to anticipated wedding date.

PENANCE

1st Saturday of every month
3:30-4pm or by appointment.

COMMUNION to HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care will bring Communion to you when you are ill & unable to join us in Sunday worship.



Our Mission

We are a Catholic community welcoming all, consciously celebrating the Eucharist with joy, together personifying the compassion of God to the world.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm
Friday & Saturday office closed
Sunday office closed

Liturgy and Prayer

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
10:00 am
On-line Sun 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon-Wed-Fri 8:00 am

CENTERING PRAYER

Wednesday 6:30pm

at Spirituality Center Garden

Centering prayer is contemplative prayer that is centered entirely on the presence of God.



May 2, 2021

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am Mass
12:00pm Teen Meeting-FF Classrooms

Monday: 8:00am Mass, Church

Tuesday: 6:00pm SVdP Conference Meeting-Collins Hall

Wednesday: 8:00am Mass, Church

9:00am: Praying the Contemplative Rosary-Spirituality Center Garden
6:00pm: Faith Formation, Church, Collins Hall

Thursday:

Friday: 8:00am Mass, Church

Saturday:
4:30pm: Mass, Church

“I Am”

For the past two weeks, the Gospel has begun with Jesus saying the same two words: “I am”. Last week, we heard Jesus describe himself by saying “I am the good shepherd” and in today’s Gospel, “I am the true vine.”

“I am” - two simple words, yet one great proclamation of the Easter season.

The Gospel of John has several “I am” statements by Jesus: “I am the bread of life”, “I am the light of the world”, “I am the gate”, “I am the resurrection”, “I am the way, the truth and the life”.

Those two simple words, “I am” are an integral part of our salvation history. “I am” was the answer given to Moses when he gazed up a burning bush and asked, “Who shall I say sent me?” “I am” was announced by Isaiah when he spoke on God’s behalf to proclaim liberty to the Israelites in their Babylonian exile.

Those same two words, “I am” are the simple answer we heard from Jesus in the Passion Gospel of Good Friday when the crowd came to arrest him:

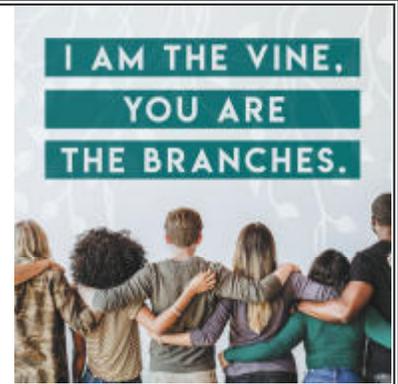
“Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them, ‘Whom are you looking for?’ They answered him, ‘Jesus the Nazorean.’ He said to them: ‘I am.’” (John 18: 4-5)

Who is Jesus? In this Easter season, we can respond with John’s Gospel that the Risen Christ is all of the above. “You are the bread. You are the light. You are the resurrection. You are the vine. You are the shepherd.”

The power of these words announces the power of Christ’s presence today. They are in the present tense. This same “I am” of Moses and Isaiah is the same “I am” of John’s Gospel. And this same “I am”, to which we respond “You are” makes us who “we are”. “We are” the People of God. “We are” the Body of Christ.

“I am” Two simple words - one great proclamation.

Steve Raml - Liturgical Ministries Coordinator



JUST A REMINDER

If you receive an e-mail or text that says it is from Fr. Scott or any St. Bridget staff member requesting some sort of financial help or asking you to e-mail them back, please do not reply to the message and delete it. This is a scam e-mail.

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Local Ways to Celebrate Earth and Care for Creation

Pope Francis was one of more than three dozen heads of state who took part in the virtual climate summit convened by President Joe Biden. Francis called the gathering "a happy occasion" and said it was an initiative that puts all of humanity on a path toward better stewardship of nature and accomplishing goals of the Paris Agreement at the next United Nations climate conference. Francis said later to the summit, "We need to ensure that the environment is cleaner, purer and that it is conserved. We must care for nature so that nature may care for us."

The good news for us is there are many local opportunities to do more for care for creation. Check out these links.

<https://www.goodfoodfinderaz.com> - An organization dedicated to supporting AZ Local food. Choosing local means more than just better food! Local food builds vibrant communities, supports farmers and food entrepreneurs, protects the environment, and fosters a robust local economy.

<https://www.treesmatter.org> - Trees Matter is a Phoenix-based 501(c)(3) environmental education nonprofit, whose mission is to inspire and promote an increased tree canopy in the Valley.

<https://www.ewg.org> - Environmental Working Group provides advice for environmentally conscious shopping

<https://recycledcity.com> - Recycled City is a full-circle service in the Phoenix Valley that makes it easy to turn food waste back into farmland. Recycled returns nutrients to the soil and using it to grow fresh, local, chemical-free produce.

Consider purchasing from Sustainable Farmers

Singh Farms, Scottsdale <https://www.facebook.com/singhfarms>

Rhiba Farms, San Tan Valley <https://www.rhibafarms.com>

Arizona Farmers Markets <https://arizonacommunityfarmersmarkets.com>

Community Garden, Phoenix <https://m.facebook.com/Spaces of Opportunity>

Little Free Garden Stands of AZ <http://bit.ly/AZlittlefreegarden>

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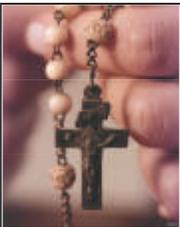
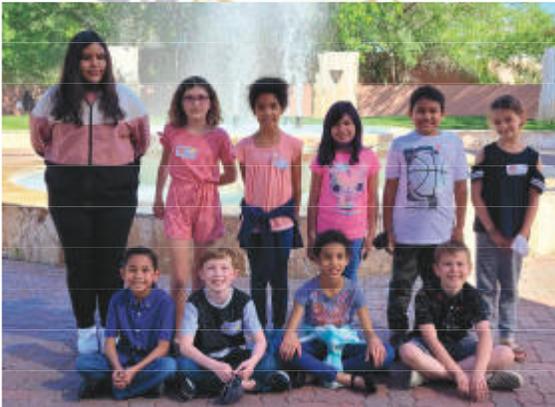
st. bridget children's faith formation 2020 - 2021

We give thanks and praise for the Children of St. Bridget that were Confirmed and Welcomed to the table for the first time this weekend.

Let Jesus always be bread to feed you,
a friend to heal you,
a light to lead you.

Amen

Desiree Balla	Kinsley Kowalczyk
Abigail Davis	Michael McMillin
Alec Hernandez	Marisa Pinson
Cooper Johnson	Fabian Hill
	Melissa Zendejas



Praying the Contemplative Rosary, led by Kathy Perrin. Now gathering in the Garden of the Spirituality Center

We'll gather for a rosary prayer offering an opportunity to cultivate solitude while contemplating the way and life of Jesus.

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Rosaries are provided if you need one. Contact Kathy Perrin for more information at willowroad1862@outlook.com.



BAPTISMS

Please contact the parish office 480-924-9111 or reach the baptism team at Baptism@stbridget.org for more information or for interest in summer baptisms.

Sant Bridget
Teen Ministry

Find us on social Media:
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youthministry@stbridget.org

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ACTIONS SPEAK."

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Next Meeting
TODAY!
After 10 Mass

WELCOME GRADUATING 8TH GRADERS COME SEE WHAT TEEN MINISTRY at ST BRIDGET IS ALL ABOUT!

We will be learning about
Our Blessed Mother & The Rosary
& we will be making care packages with
Common Good Ministry

Teen Minister: Andie Valenzuela
youthministry@stbridget.org
@stbteens (Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram)
@StBridgetTeens (Facebook)

Spirituality Center

In the midst of this season of Easter Rising and these hopeful days of gathering more fully as church we can find ourselves with a great deal to navigate in moving forth from our "covid caves" to regain a sense of normalcy in our lives. The long-standing tradition of Spiritual Direction within our Catholic tradition can be of great assistance. As St. Bridget was well known and quoted for saying, "everyone needs a soul friend".

We are fortunate to have Spiritual Directors available here at St. Bridget's spirituality Center. To help educate the community more on the roots, history, and development of Spiritual Direction within the Catholic tradition a new virtual series will be launching soon available on the parish website. Below is some information on it watch for the launch to come soon.

Spiritual Direction –A Practice within the Catholic Tradition for Transformation and Growth

A Four Part Virtual Series with local Pastoral Leaders and Spiritual Directors

Talk One: Spiritual Direction in the Early Church –
It's Beginnings and Development with Cathy Olds

Talk Two: Spiritual Direction Evolves - From the
Celtic Saints to Vatican II with Cathy Olds

Talk Three: Spiritual Direction in Extraordinary
Times for Ordinary Seekers -The What, Who, How,
When and Where of Spiritual Direction for Today With
Shelia Howe

Talk Four: Drinking from a Well of Healing, Grace
and Growth in the Catholic Tradition of spiritual direc-
tion. With Fr. Alex Juguilon, osc

Safe Environment

We continue to pray for all children and families who are affected by abuse and for those working to prevent it.



Please contact Pat or Caroline in the church office if you need to learn your status or have any questions.

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Meetings are held in Collins Hall the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 P.M.

For more information on the Knights go to www.kofc.org and be sure to join now for free at www.kofc.org/joinus promo code: MCGIVNEY2020
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romance back into your relationship? The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers married couples an opportunity to get off the treadmill of life and focus on each other. It is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on May 15-16. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wmearizona.com

Constant Contact e-mails from St. Bridget?

If you would like to receive Constant Contact emails from the parish, please be sure we have your updated email address.

Contact: Finance@stbridget.org



Common Good ministry

Pope Francis and the Care of our Common Home

The human family has received from the creator a common gift: nature.

When it comes to the care of our common home, we are living at a critical moment of history.

Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change.

We are the guardians of creation. When we exploit creation, we destroy that sign of God's love. To destroy creation is to say to God: "I don't care". And this is not good: this is sin.

We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.

During this Easter season, we are collecting supplies for asylum seekers traveling to sponsors within the US. Items may be dropped off at any time or at the tables outside after Mass. Thank you for your continued support!

If you are interested in volunteering with asylum seekers, contact Karen Kohl at karenkohl89@gmail.com.



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Fry's Community Rewards Program

Thank you to everyone who is participating in the Fry's Program! We received our first check in the amount of \$41.31 which will go toward our general donation fund.

Thank you to those who have been sending your Fry's receipts but you no longer need to do that.

To participate in this program

Go to fryscommunityrewards.com. Log into your Fry's account, search for St. Bridget Roman Catholic Church-Mesa or enter GH950, click Enroll".

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Spiritual

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” Indeed, by helping the poor we can “bear much fruit” and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness, and dread.

Pantry Needs

At this time, our pantry could use the following: toothpaste, hand sanitizer, deodorant, shampoo, jelly, toilet paper, and other nonperishables. Please drop pantry items in the cart outside the SVDP office between 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Thank you for your generosity!!

Membership

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) is open to all those who seek to live their faith, loving and committing themselves to their neighbors in need. Membership in the St. Bridget Conference of the Society of the SVDP is open to individuals who seek to answer the call to service.

For more information, please contact the office at 480-807-1493.

Readings for the week of May 3, 2021



Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

BULLETIN DUE DATE UPDATE:

Bulletin is due on Monday by 9:00am before publication date. (LPI guidelines)

Please visit our web site at www.stbridget.org

On our web site click on our parish YouTube Page and subscribe so you stay up to date with everything we post!



Financial Information

April 25, 2021

Plate & Mail In	\$ 3,916.00
Tithley On-line	\$ 2,483.00
ACH Checks	\$ 510.00
Total	\$ 6,909.00
Pope	\$740.00

Thank you for your continued support through COVID and now as we get ready for the summer months!

If you would like information about online giving or receiving envelopes, please contact Pat Shaneyfelt at Finance@stbridget.org or 480-924-9111 ext 302



May 2-May 8, 2021

Sunday	8:00am	All Souls in Purgatory
	10:00am	† Federica Malit
Monday	8:00am	
Wednesday	8:00am	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8:00am	Fern Larscheid
Saturday	4:30pm	† Floyd & Sally Golka



Please pray for all the deceased of our parish, their family and friends.



For all in our parish community who are in need of our prayers:

- ◆ Linda Heartman
- ◆ Tom Rodgers
- ◆ Kim Foley
- ◆ Shirley Wolterman
- ◆ Rich Wittreich
- ◆ Stephanie Pietz
- ◆ Rev Scott Ritchey & his wife Laura
- ◆ Maryann Lorenzen
- ◆ Sharon Webber
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